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BIRDIE MAY TOINTIGH, KIOWA-APACHE

IRENE POOLAW, KIOWA-APACHE

ROBERTA TOHAY, COMANCHE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: B.I.A. HOUSING AND SANITATION PROGRAMS AND DIFFICULTIES TRYING TO GET THEM. ALSO DIFFICULTIES GETTING LOANS AND WATER WELLS

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

DIFFICULTIES OF ROBERTA TOHAY AND CLARENCE CHALEPAH GETTING IN ON HOUSING PROGRAM

TRIBAL BUSINESS COMMITTEEMEN

KIOWA-APACHE FEAR THAT THEIR TRIBE IS LOSING OUT

DECLINE OF INDIAN LANGUAGES

ROBERTA TOHAY'S EXPERIENCE TRYING TO GET A HOME

B.I.A. ENCOURAGES LAND SALES

TAXES ON CITY PROPERTY

STORY ABOUT DIVISION OF OLD MAN ACHILTA'S LAND ILLUSTRATING ARBITRAINESS OF B.I.A. DECISIONS

INDIANS IN JAIL WORK FOR CITY

BACKGROUND OF DISCUSSANTS:

This interview is actually a group discussion which took place in the home of Mrs. Birdie May Tointigh (Mrs. Jack Tointigh). Birdie May is half Kiowa-Apache and half Kiowa and is the daughter of the late Ray Blackbear, Kiowa-Apache. Her husband, Jack, is beginning to earn his living working with German silver. They now live in the Blackbear place several miles west of Boone. Irene Poolaw is a Kiowa-Apache and the widow of the late Cleatus Poolaw. She is a Chalepah and the sister of Alfred, Raymond, Clarence Chalepah, and Gertie Chalepah. Irene has a house near Boone where her son is living now, and is herself living with her sister in Anadarko. Roberta is a Comanche born and raised around Boone and is a member of the Pewo family. Her husband, Butch, is a Kiowa-Apache but is enrolled as a Kiowa. All three of these ladies have had experience recently in applying for loans for remodeling and building and in trying to get in on the current sanitation program. This discussion centers on the complexities of trying to take advantage of existing services for Indians through the B.I.A. and tribal committeemen. Also present and participating in the questioning are Arnold Henderson, from the School of Architecture at the University of Oklahoma, and Mike Davis, graduate student in Anthropology. Both Henderson and Davis are interested in housing problems among Indian people. Birdie May was born January 9, 1928 and has 6 children.

NOTE:

This tape contains the conclusion of a group discussion which took place in the home of Mrs. Birdie May Tointigh (Mrs. Jack Tointigh).